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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Submitted electronically

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to express **support** for Cyren Call Communications' proposal (FCC RM No. 11348) to build a nationwide, wireless broadband network for public safety. I believe that it is imperative that America's first responders possess sufficient spectrum, along with funding methods to access the most advanced wireless communications services and technology.

In the six years since 9/11, elected leaders have continued to speak of the need for "interoperability." Yet, we still do NOT have it. Now, our nation has a unique opportunity to use a contiguous, 30 MHz block of frequencies in the upper 700 MHz band to provide public safety an advanced, nationwide communications network that would be controlled by public safety and harness the economic benefits of a shared public/private partnership with commercial wireless operators. This proposal is innovative and, for the first time, cohesively resolves the multitude of problems contributing to public safety's communications problems by joining public and private interests.

I urge the FCC Commissioners, Congressional Representatives and other decision-makers in Washington, D.C. to fulfill their obligation to act in the public interest. Time is of the essence and if action is not taken quickly, the frequencies will be auctioned in early 2008 for commercial purposes and this opportunity will be lost forever. Please prioritize public safety by approving Cyren Call's proposal and creating a Public Safety Broadband Trust.

Sincerely,

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Representative Cohen